

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-19, and 25-39 without prejudice.  
Please amend claim 23 as follows below.  
Please add new claims 40-52 as follows below.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Marked Up Listing of Claims:**

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original)           A bus state keeper comprising:  
a plurality of multiplexers each having  
    a select input,  
    a first input,  
    a second input, and  
    an output,  
    the output coupled to each respective bit of a first  
bus to keep in a steady state when inactive,  
    the first input coupled to each respective bit of a  
second bus,  
    the select input of each of the plurality of  
multiplexers coupled to a select signal;  
and  
a plurality of flip flops each having  
    a data input,  
    a data output and  
    a clock input,  
    the data input coupled to each respective bit of the  
first bus,

the data output coupled respectively to the second input of the plurality of multiplexers,  
the clock input coupled to a clock signal,  
the plurality of flip flops to store a state of the first bus.

21. (Original)            The bus state keeper of claim 20,  
wherein,  
the plurality of flip flops are clocked by the clock signal to store a state of the first bus.

22. (Original)            The bus state keeper of claim 20,  
wherein,  
the select signal input to each select input of the plurality of multiplexers selects between  
outputting from the plurality of multiplexers a stored state in the flip flops onto the first bus  
or  
outputting the state of the second bus onto the first bus.

23. (Currently Amended)    The bus state keeper of claim 20,  
wherein,  
the select signal input to each select input of the plurality of multiplexers selects to output from the plurality of multiplexers a stored state in the flip flops onto the first bus [[.]] to maintain a state of the first bus ~~and conserve~~  
~~power.~~

24. (Original)            The bus state keeper of claim 23,  
wherein,

the select signal maintains a state of the first bus to conserve power.

25-39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A bus state keeper for conserving power, the bus state keeper comprising:

a plurality of flip flops to store a state of an output bus, the output bus having a plurality of bits, each of the plurality of flip flops having

a data input,

a data output,

a clock input, and

wherein the data input of each flip flop is coupled to a respective bit of the output bus, and

the clock input of each is coupled to a clock signal;

and,

a plurality of multiplexers coupled to the plurality of flip flops, an input bus, and the output bus, each of the plurality of multiplexers having

a select input,

a first input,

a second input, and

an output,

wherein the select input of each multiplexer is coupled to a select signal,

the first input of each multiplexer is coupled to a respective bit of the input bus,

the second input of each multiplexer is coupled to the data output of a respective flip flop, and

the output of each multiplexer is coupled to a respective bit of the output bus.

41. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 40, wherein, the plurality of flip flops are clocked by the clock signal to store a state of the output bus.

42. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 40, wherein, each of the plurality of flip flops are a single bit D type flip flop.

43. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 40, wherein, when the output bus is selected to be output by the plurality of multiplexers, the bus state keeper recycles the state of the output bus to keep it in a steady state and conserve power.

44. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 40, wherein, when the input bus is selected to be output by the plurality of multiplexers, the bus state keeper drives the state of the input bus onto the output bus to change the state of the output bus.

45. (New) A bus state keeper to couple between an input bus and an output bus, the bus state keeper comprising:  
a bus multiplexer to selectively couple a first bus input or a second bus input onto a bus output in response to a select input, the bus multiplexer including a plurality of single bit multiplexers, and wherein  
the select input of the bus multiplexer is to couple to a select signal,

the first bus input of the bus multiplexer is to couple to the input bus, and

the bus output of the bus multiplexer is to couple to the output bus;

and

a bus register to store a state of a data bus input and output. the state at a data bus output in response to a clock input, the bus register including a plurality of single bit flip flops, and wherein

the data bus input of the bus register is to couple to the output bus,

the data bus output of the bus register is to couple to the second bus input of the bus multiplexer, and

the clock input to couple to a clock signal.

46. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 45, wherein, the bus register is clocked by the clock signal to store a state of the output bus.

47. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 45, wherein, the plurality of single bit flip flops of the bus register are D type flip flops.

48. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 45, wherein, when the second bus input of the bus multiplexer is selected to be coupled onto the bus output by the bus multiplexer,

the bus state keeper to recycle the state of the output bus to keep it in a steady state and conserve power.

49. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 45, wherein,

when the first bus input of the bus multiplexer is selected to be coupled onto the bus output by the bus multiplexer, the bus state keeper to drive the state of the input bus onto the output bus to change the state of the output bus.

50. (New) A bus state keeper for conserving power, the bus state keeper comprising:

a plurality of bit bus keepers coupled between bits of an input bus and bits of an output bus, the plurality of bit bus keepers to store a state of the bits of the output bus, each of the plurality of bit bus keepers including

a flip flop to store a state of a respective bit of the output bus as a stored state, the flip flop having a data input to couple to a respective bit of the output bus,

a data output,

a clock input to couple to a clock signal, and

a storage element coupled to the data input and the data output, the storage element to store the state of the data input in response to the clock input;

and,

a multiplexer coupled to the flip flop, the multiplexer to couple to a respective bit of the input bus and the respective bit of the output bus, the multiplexer having

a select input to couple to a select signal,

a first input to couple to the respective bit of the input bus,

a second input to couple to the data output of the flip flop, and

an output to couple to the respective bit of the output bus, and

a selector element coupled to the first input, the second input, and the output, in response to the select signal the selector element to selectively drive the respective bit of the output bus with

a state of the respective bit of the input bus to change the state of the respective bit of the output bus

or

the stored state of the respective bit of the output bus to maintain the state of the respective bit of the output bus.

51. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 50, wherein, the flip flop of each of the plurality of bit bus keepers is a D type flip flop.

52. (New) The bus state keeper of claim 50, wherein, the bus state keeper to recycle the state of the bits of the output bus to keep it in a steady state and conserve power in response to the select signal.